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## Coaches see need in Stop & Shop swap land

By DANA GARDNER

Advocate Editor

Between barking out orders for push-ups and stretching routines, varsity football coach John Hanley glanced over his shoulder during after-school practice this week at a grassy field that sits on a figurative auction block.

The field, adjacent to the Arlington High School addition, has been the subject of two closed meetings in three weeks. Even some members of the School Committee have been denied an ear to the secret talks.

Behind closed doors the town's Stop & Shop task force has been discussing the land's market value in dollars and cents. The bottom line is perhaps the most important number in sizing up the Stop & Shop com-

pany's proposal.

The Quincy-based firm wants to use the land to expand their Massachusetts Avenue grocery store to a "super store," in exchange for building the town an indoor swimming pool.

Foregoing talk of money and consultant's studies, coach Hanley talked instead about the field openly — in terms of need.

"It's just right for team practices," said Hanley of the parcel. "I don't know where we'd go. It's certainly used."

While the varsity football team practices on a field below the land sought by Stop & Shop, the approximately two acres of land that used to be the site of a house and natural gas tank is home to several teams, leagues

and gym classes, Hanley said.

Some of the land was taken by the town through eminent domain in the 1970s to make room for a new high school, which voters later turned down in referendum. The high school was expanded instead.

Some say it's not right to consider land taken by the town for school use as the site of a private business such as a grocery market.

But for now, in fall, the freshmen football team regularly practices on the site. In spring, varsity track teams use the land to throw javelins. High School gym classes routinely use the land for a number of activities year-round. And the town's youth soccer leagues practice at the field, which in-

cludes a single goal net, Hanley said.

If anything, the three-sport coach and physical education teacher said, the land should be used for sports, or, at worst, an indoor track facility.

Yet, said Hanley, no one from the School Department or the task force examining the Stop & Shop plan has approached him about the field's worth to sports teams and phys-ed students.

Can freshmen football players and track team members hustle over to Spy Pond Field, Magnolia Field, or some of the other town recreation sites should the high school land be used otherwise?

No, said Hanley, because the athletic trainer is based at the high school. If players

are injured, they would be far removed from professional help.

To ask coaches to be responsible for injuries without a trainer close by invites a liability Hanley said he is not prepared to ask his assistants to risk.

According to sources close to the task force, the panel will soon be examining how the land is being used by the schools before making a recommendation on the Stop & Shop proposal. Some are not convinced that the land is irreplaceable to sports teams.

Assessing the athletic players' prospects in the Stop & Shop deliberations, one assistant coach said, "The Indians made out better in Manhattan."

## Selectmen split on Murray's tenure

Legal opinion awaited on residency question

By DANA GARDNER

Advocate Editor

A legal report by the town counsel will determine if Selectman Robert Murray can continue to serve in his office since moving earlier this month to Cape Cod.

While the final analysis remains with town counsel John Maher, several other officials said it is unlikely Murray will be able to finish his term. Maher's report is expected to be released today, after The Advocate deadline.

Of those willing to venture an opinion, all said Murray's service to the town over 12 years as selectman, six years as School Committee member and 19 years as Town Meeting member has been a great benefit to Arlington.

Nonetheless, they said, the statutes apparently don't provide a defense if a registered voter seeks to challenge Murray's residency status. He moved two weeks ago to West Harwich, and now owns and operates a swimsuit store in Hyannis. He recently retired as an owner and manager of Browne Drug in East Arlington.

Contacted at his Cape home Tuesday, Murray, 47, the vice chairman of selectmen, said he does not wish to create a controversy, and would step down if the laws prevented him from continuing.

"If that's the way it falls, that's the way it falls," said Murray. "I thought that I had a moral obligation to continue... If the law says 'no,' that's fine."

Murray said he sought Maher's advice more than five weeks ago on (See MURRAY, page 11)

## Winning spirit



Arlington High School sophomore Kathy Diggins leads a winning cheer at Saturday's schoolboy football opener at Peirce Field in Arlington. The Spy

Ponders beat the Burlington Red Devils 7-6 in a non-league game. Arlington next plays North Quincy on Friday night. (Paul Drake photo)

## Beaudoin, in youth of year contest, not chosen winner

By DANA GARDNER

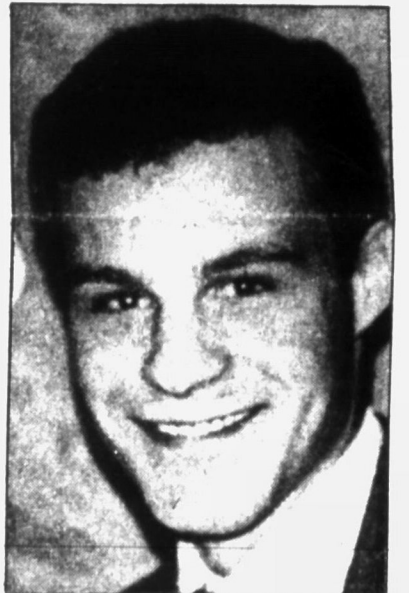
Advocate Editor

Andrew Beaudoin of Arlington, one of only five in the country who competed this week in Washington for the distinction of being named the Boys and Girls Clubs "youth of the year," was not picked the winner.

President Ronald Reagan installed Ken McBride, 18, of Salem, Ore., as youth of the year Wednesday at a White House ceremony. McBride was named earlier in the day by John Burns, chairman of the board of the Boys Clubs of America, which is based in New York.

Beaudoin, 18, of Hibbert Street, a freshman engineering student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, had been chosen Northeast region youth of the year in July in New York City.

He has represented Arlington and its Boys and Girls Club through interstate and state contests, winning the (See BEAUDOIN, page 11)



Andrew Beaudoin

## Girl keeps her cool as hikers get lost

By CAROL BEGGY

Advocate Assistant Editor

Rucker Alex says she was "really happy" to return to her Arlington home after an adventurous weekend in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

But the 9-year-old didn't have an uneventful camping trip. She and her brother, Bryon, along with two other children, wandered away from their cabin and spent Sunday night fighting off the cold and shivering in the dark of the wilderness.

"I was really happy to come back home," Rucker said from her home on Park Avenue. "It was cold and dark. We were all very scared. Right now, I'm tired."

Rucker, her brother, Bryon, Alex, 5, and their two cousins, Stergo Kaloudis, 8, and Naomi Kaloudis, 5, of Merrimack, N.H.,

got lost Sunday night after walking away from a cabin owned by their families near Thornton, N.H.

The four were found by rescuers at about 8:30 a.m. Monday standing on a rock in the middle of Eastman Brook in the White Mountains National Forest, said Lt. David Hewitt of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department.

"We were acting restless near the house so we were told to go for a walk," said Rucker. "We walked to a river and when we started back we found ourselves on a jeep road going in the wrong direction."

"It was getting dark and we were scared," said Rucker.

Taking charge of the situation, Rucker carried Naomi and the four made their way to Eastman Brook where they settled in for the night. (Please see LOST, page 10)

## Eventful session expected on Beacon Hill

By CAROL BEGGY

Advocate Assistant Editor

The governor's running for president, the state Senate president is waging a trash war in Weston and a nationally innovative and controversial health care bill lies before the General Court.

"It's a very interesting fall," said state Rep. Mary Jane Gibson, D-

Arlington/Belmont, of the Beacon Hill agenda. "There are some major issues that will affect citizens all across the state as well as the issues of local interest."

The comprehensive health care bill, as proposed by Gov. Michael Dukakis, would provide health insurance for state residents by 1990 and put a cap on health care charges.

"It's a very complex piece of legislation," said Gibson. "I'm currently trying to understand all of the issues concerning the bill and what will be the best position to take."

Because the bill encompasses so many issues, it is difficult to determine what will be the best stand to take, she said.

"There is a tremendous need to

have everyone in the Commonwealth receive some kind of health insurance," said Gibson. "And, at the same time, we have to be able to allow the smaller hospitals to provide their services."

Hospital administrators have argued against the governor's bill because they say it would not allow (Please see STATE, page 10)

## On guard: Children embrace crossing ladies for jobs well done

By CAROL BEGGY

Advocate Assistant Editor

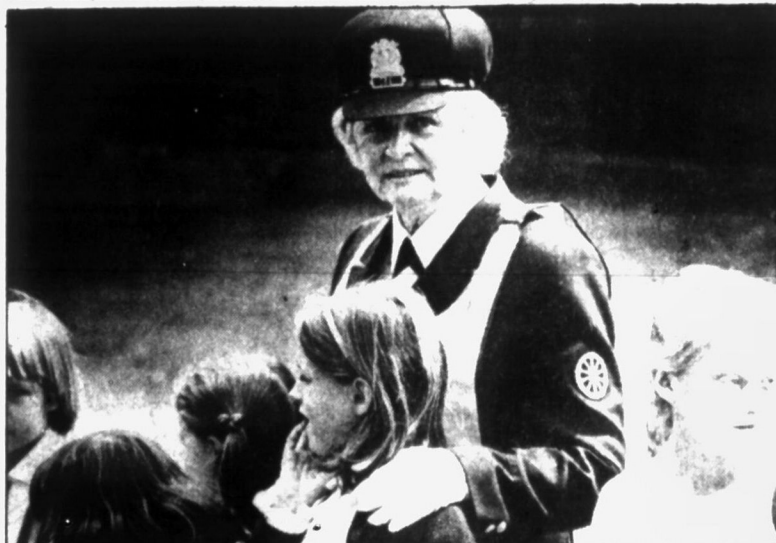
On a recent September morning, as a sturdy breeze ushered along puffy clouds, Julie Morrison stood sentry below for scores of schoolchildren making their way across busy streets to the Brackett School.

The job of safety sentry — a tough customer for overly anxious motorists, a friendly escort for the young ones — has been a daily routine for Morrison for 31 years.

Later that day on the other side of

town, Louise Cronan raises her white-gloved hand and signals the busy Lake Street traffic to a halt as dozens of Hardy School students leap from the curb to head home. Cronan has watched guard over the same curb, in winter storms and late spring heat, for 32 years.

They are part of the 28-member traffic supervisor force who make sure elementary school students don't get lost in the jungle of Arlington traffic. With the town, the job has grown in the (See GUARDS, page 10)



Julie Morrison, a veteran school crossing guard at the Brackett School, clears the way for the safe passage of students, as she has for three decades.

## Police say house used for large cocaine sales

A 32-year-old Arlington man has pleaded innocent to charges he sold four ounces of cocaine to federal and state undercover agents in June from his house on Chandler Street, police said.

Konstantinos Koulouris, of 96 Chandler St., a cook, was arrested by Arlington and state police on Sept. 18 after being secretly indicted by a Middlesex County grand jury on Sept. 17. He is charged with two counts of trafficking in cocaine.

He was being held on \$15,000 cash bail. A pre-trial hearing is scheduled for Oct. 1 in Middlesex Superior Court in Cambridge.

He could face a minimum of three years in jail, or a maximum of 15 years incarceration on each count.

For the first time, the new narcotics unit of the state Attorney General's office is being used to prosecute Koulouris, a Greek national who has

lived in Arlington since 1978. The unit allows agents of the state's district attorneys to work throughout the state in charging suspects.

Undercover agents of the federal Drug Enforcement Agency say they bought cocaine from Koulouris several times from his Arlington home in June. The drugs had an estimated value of \$10,000.

In addition to facing the charges, the house at 96 Chandler Street is being sought in civil suit by federal prosecutors because it was allegedly used in the sale of drugs. The house could be sold and the funds kept by the government.

A DEA spokesman said Koulouris had promised to sell larger quantities of the drug to undercover agents but apparently could not. He was then arrested. Other arrests are expected in the case.



# Library bill support sought

By CAROL BEGGY  
Advocate Assistant Editor

Selectmen are asking Massachusetts House Speaker George Keverian for support on a bill providing money to repair and expand the Robbins Library.

In a letter sent to Keverian, D-Everett, selectmen last week asked for the speaker's help in getting a bill passed to provide public libraries statewide with funds for renovations and new projects.

"I'm confident that we will get the bill passed," said state Rep. Mary Jane Gibson, D-Arlington/Belmont, sponsor of the bill. "It's a good bill that I'm sure will get the support it needs."

"Besides, Everett needs a new library, too," Gibson said of the broad support for improving the region's libraries.

In August, both Gibson and state Rep. Robert Havern III, D-Arlington, voted against an amendment that

**'I'm confident we'll get the bill passed.'**

—Mary Jane Gibson  
State representative

would have provided \$5 million in grants to public libraries.

The vote against the amendment raised concerns by area residents over the representatives' commitment to getting the funding to put an addition on the cramped Robbins Library.

"The amendment was a one-time offer of funding that was proposed by the Republican leadership at the end of the session," said Gibson. "It would have put the money in the budget, a

place it does not belong."

A vote for the August amendment would have done more harm than good to any proposed project for Arlington, Gibson said.

"The vote was something done just to embarrass people. At the end of the session, the Republican leadership will throw all sorts of things into the budget that you would normally support but have to vote down because of the amount of funding or the type of request," said Gibson.

"It would have been detrimental to the town's plans if passed," she said.

Gibson has sent a letter to the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee asking that the bill be sent to the house for voting this fall.

The bill for library funding grew out of Arlington's need to have an expanded main library facility, Gibson said.

When it opened in 1892, the library owned 12,183 books and served a population of 5,629. Last year, the library owned 175,464 books and audio-visual items and served a population of 46,465.

"The bill grew out of a need Arlington had that was shared by other towns," said Gibson. "I'm quite sure we'll get it passed. It's my main priority here. It's something Arlington wants and needs."

## Library closed for Town Day

Robbins Library will be closed on Town Day, Saturday, Sept. 26 due to incidents of vandalism which have occurred in the building during previous Town Days. The Board of Trustees voted to close the Library as was done last year to insure the safety of the public. Efforts by library staff and the Police Department to maintain normal library operations proved unsuccessful in previous years when the building remained open.

The library will present a special Town Day program performed by Gene Stamell in the Junior Library at 10:30 a.m. This musical program will include an original song about Arlington and is funded by the Massachusetts Arts Lottery. Entrance for that program will be through the Junior Library doors.

## Drop-in program for toddlers

Two weekly drop-in programs for "Toddlers and Twos" (children ages 15-36 months) and their parents will begin next week at the Fox and the

## LIBRARY NOTES



Featured at the main Robbins Junior Library on Town Day, Sept. 26, at 10:30 a.m., will be the popular local duo "Summertunes," above, presenting a sing-along for the whole family. The highlight of the performance will be the debut of a children's song about Arlington, "Proud of Arlington," written for the occasion by group member Gene Stamell. The entrance for the program will be through the side door directly into the Junior Library; that door will open at 10 a.m.

### Dallin Branch Libraries.

The programs will be held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Fox and on Thursday at Dallin. The Dallin program will be held in the newly refurbished downstairs room. Entrance to this room is gained through the side door at the foot of the hill. Toddler programs are co-sponsored by the Robbins Library and the Arlington Recreation department.

A call-in procedure is in effect for both programs. Parents interested in attending should call the Recreation Department Office at 646-1000 x4770

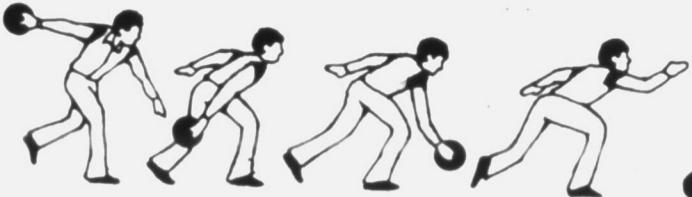
between 9 and 9:30 a.m. on the morning of the program that they wish to attend.

## Walsh exhibit at Fox Branch

Arlington resident Al Walsh is exhibiting a very appealing selection of his photography during the month of September at the Fox Library in East Arlington.

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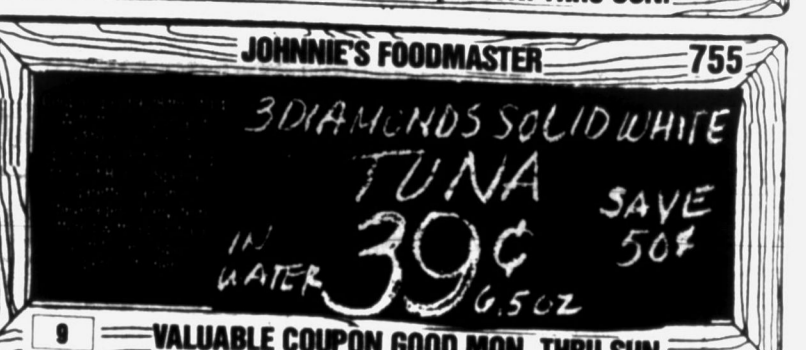
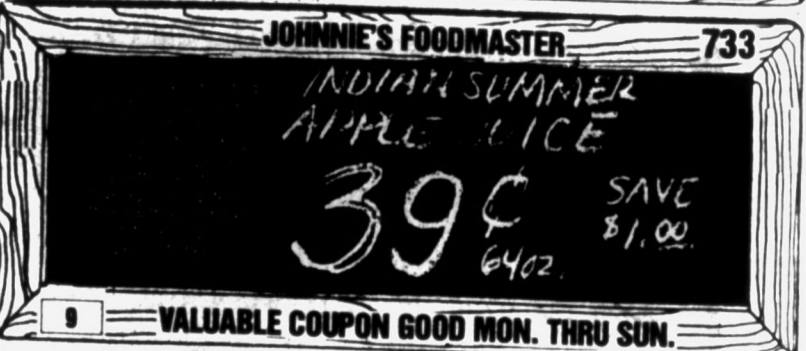
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# Kraus calls state health legislation historic in scope

By CAROL BEGGY  
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The governor's proposed health care bill is one of the most sweeping pieces of legislation to hit Beacon Hill in recent history and is causing a furor among people on all sides of the issue.

according to state Sen. Richard Kraus. "There is a spirit in the State House that something historical is about to take place. It's amazing that everyone is concerned about this bill," said Kraus, D-Arlington. "This is a phenomenon I have not witnessed in

the five years I have been on Beacon Hill." His comments came Tuesday during the first taping of "Kraus Connections," a community access show that will debut at 8 p.m., Oct. 1 on Arlington Cablesystems channel 3. A new show on local legislative issues will be taped every month.

The show features the senator answering questions by editors or reporters of the press from his district, including The Arlington Advocate, The Winchester Star, The Daily Times Chronicle of Woburn and The Lexington Minute-Man.

"While almost everything the governor does will be regarded as a political move," said Kraus, "this bill is far too big to be just presidential politics. The governor has been talking about this bill for a very long time."

Kraus said there will be a lot of discussion and compromise on the bill before it will be presented to the Legislature for a vote.

"There are a lot of areas that need to be addressed. We need to make sure

it does not hurt small businesses," Kraus said.

Smaller regional hospitals, such as Symmes in Arlington, might face financial hardship under a blanket health care rate cap, he said.

The governor's plan would limit medical cost increases to 2 percent above the rate of inflation. Health care costs in Massachusetts are more than 30 percent above national averages.

The bill is also meant to provide health care insurance for the more than 600,000 Bay State residents who don't have or can't afford health insurance.

Kraus also addressed his recent work on education. A commission has called for an increase in the minimum salary level of teachers to \$20,000 annually, more teacher input in the education decision-making process and professional development programs for teachers and administrators.

There is currently \$15 million set aside in a reserve fund to implement programs that come from the commission's recommendations. Kraus said

he plans to submit his legislative plan on education to the Senate in the next two weeks.

"We not looking to mandate education programs and then not support them with funding," said Kraus.

Kraus also answered questions about his work on the Senate's local aid committee, of which he was chairman. The committee looked at how local aid is distributed and how a more equitable state funds-distribution system can be established.

"Everyone is facing difficulties of limited funds," said Kraus.

The committee's report will be released in two weeks, Kraus said, and work will begin on a new local-aid system.

"We looking for one that is fair, that everyone can live with," said Kraus.



State Sen. Richard Kraus

## Democrats see lack of voter direction

By CAROL BEGGY  
Advocate Assistant Editor

There is a growing complacency among town Democrats, even as the party enjoys its greatest strength in Arlington history, according to the Democratic Town Committee chairwoman.

"Being a Democrat means so many things to different people," said Kathleen Dias, the committee chairwoman and School Committee member. "People are committed to being a Democrat, but they don't always agree on what that means."

In recent years, people's interest in the business of the Democratic Party has fallen-off, Dias said. "A lot of people aren't as involved with the party's politics as they were," said Dias.

Arlington is predominantly a Democratic town. As of June 1, of the 26,481 registered voters in town, 17,727 were Democrats, 3,228 were Republicans and 5,526 were listed as Independents. The trend is a reversal of the voter pattern of as little as 15 years ago.

"There's support out there but we

have to work on creating an atmosphere where people with different political beliefs can feel comfortable enough to come together," Dias said.

The town committee is currently working on a "grass-roots program" informing people of the goals of the Democratic Party," she said.

To bring party members together before the election this spring, Dias said the town committee is sponsoring a house party in January.

Speakers invited to the party include Speaker of the State House of Representatives, George Keverian, and district representatives Mary Jane Gibson and Robert Havern III.

"We have always tried to bring people together through information forums," said Dias. "In last year's elections we worked on a lot of the issues and tried to provide people with information on the ballot questions."

Dias said the town committee is in a dormant stage of sorts. "At this point in the year, we're just working on reorganizing and planning," she said. "Obviously, things will pick up as we get closer to the election."

## Storm watch



A brave pedestrian briskly walks along the Park Avenue bridge over Route 2 last week during one of several days of rain. (Paul Drake photo)

### NEWS NOTES

#### Hospital lists week's events

Sept. 20-28 is Emergency Medical Services Week and Arlington's Armstrong Ambulance will have its new advanced life support vehicle on display at the Symmes Hospital Division Friday afternoon from 2-4 p.m.

Hospital professional staff led by Dr. Michael Erdos, chairman of Emergency/Ambulatory Service at the Symmes Division, will join Armstrong paramedics to explain the ambulance and its high-tech equipment to visitors.

On Saturday at Arlington Town Day, the Community Health Education Department will offer free information about its programs at the corner of Water Street and Mass. Avenue.

Also offered for a nominal fee will be on-the-spot heart disease risk factor analysis and counseling.

Sunday brings the seventh annual "Health Is Number 1" Choate-Symmes 5-mile Road Race. Nearly 300 runners and walkers last year pursued prizes and recreation on the oval course that begins and ends at Lexington's Tower Park and loops through Arlington.

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## POLICE LOG

## Arrests

A 20-year-old Amherst man was arrested on Sept. 16 at 1:30 p.m. by Northampton Police on an outstanding Arlington Police warrant charging him with breaking and entering in the night.

On Sept. 16, A 34-year-old Lexington man was arrested by Arlington Police at 324 Massachusetts Avenue. After being pulled over for an alleged traffic violation, police found the man was wanted on an outstanding warrant from Concord District Court for breaking and entering, driving under the influence and leaving the scene of an accident.

A 20-year-old Broadway man was arrested at his home on Sept. 16 at 8 p.m. for an outstanding Woburn Police traffic violation.

On Sept. 16 at 9:20 p.m., a 19-year-old Somerville man was arrested by Somerville Police for an outstanding Arlington Police warrant alleging possession of marijuana and other offenses.

At 10:30 p.m. on Sept. 16, a Warren Street man was arrested at his home by Arlington Police for allegedly being in default of a warrant for receiving stolen property.

Also on Sept. 16, Arlington Police arrested an 18-year-old Amsden Street man at his home on an outstanding Arlington warrant for breaking and entering and larceny from a building.

A 28-year-old Medford man was arrested on Sept. 17 after being pulled over for a traffic violation. A computer check by the officer revealed the man was wanted on two outstanding traffic warrants.

At 9 p.m. on Sept. 17, a Medford man was arrested after a police officer on traffic patrol on Massachusetts Avenue observed the man allegedly driving dangerously. A radar check indicated the man was doing 46 miles an hour heading east on Massachusetts Avenue.

The man was stopped at Massachusetts Avenue and Melrose Street and charged with speeding, improper passing and driving under the influence of alcohol.

## Larcenies

On Sept. 14, a Jason Street man reported the theft of a chrome BMX, 20-inch bicycle sometime earlier in the month.

At 11:35 a.m. on Sept. 15, a Bedford woman told police her wallet containing \$40 and some credit cards had been taken from her office at 691 Massachusetts Ave.

On Sept. 16, at 10 a.m. police received a report that a phone answering machine had been taken from an office at the Dallin School.

A Newman Way man reported on Sept. 16 that his 23-inch, red, Peugeot bicycle, worth \$413, had been taken from an unlocked garage.

On Sept. 16, two apartments at 933 Massachusetts Ave. were reported broken into and several items were taken including jewelry, a watch, a camera and a disc player. Entrance was gained to both apartments through sliding glass doors in the back of the building.

At about 2 p.m. on Sept. 17, a man looking at some jewelry at the Jewelry Boutique, 210A Massachusetts Ave., grabbed two necklaces on display and ran from the store.

The two 18-karat chains were valued at \$1,230.

A Forest Street man reported that a micro tape recorder had been taken on Sept. 18 from an unlocked 1987 Dodge while it was parked near his home. The value of the recorder was set at \$79.

On Sept. 18, a school official reported that sometime over the summer a Apple II computer, four boxes of disks, a kaola pad and cord had been taken from the Thompson School.

A Saratoga Street woman told police on Sept. 18 that a donkey statue had been taken from her lawn sometime that day. The donkey statue was valued at \$100.

On Sept. 20 at about 7:0 p.m., a Var-

num Street man reported that someone had broken into his home and took a men's, 26-inch, Huffy 12-speed

## Break-ins

On Sept. 14, a woman at 1077 Massachusetts Ave. reported that the building had been broken into and the intruders had gained entrance to four apartments.

A Brattle Street woman reported that someone had forced open her front door on Sept. 14 sometime during the day. The house had been ransacked and the residents were unable to immediately determine what had been taken.

On Sept. 16, a Water Street man told police a basement window of his home had been broken and \$600 cash and several items were missing from his home.

A Cutter Hill Road resident reported he interrupted a young male trying to break into his home through a side window on Sept. 16.

At about 11 a.m. on Sept. 18, a Malden woman reported an AM-FM Kentwood stereo, valued at \$500, was taken from her 1985 Volkswagen while it was parked at Symmes Hospital.

## Vandalism

An Oxford Street woman reported on Sept. 14 damage to the roof of her 1980 Toyota had been done by an unknown object sometime over the weekend while the car had been parked at the Crosby School.

On Sept. 16 at 9:28 p.m., a Fairmont Street man told police the windshield of his 1983 Ford was broken while the car was parked in front of his house.

At 6 a.m. on Sept. 18 and electrical meter was reported missing from a traffic control box at Massachusetts Avenue and Lake Street.

On Sept. 19 at 9 a.m., employees of Hodgkin Buick at 835 Massachusetts Ave. reported a 8-foot by 3-foot window had been broken overnight.

Also on Sept. 19, a Fisher Road resident told police that two decorative lights outside his home had been broken at about 9 p.m. that night.

## Miscellaneous

On Sept. 15 at 10:38 a.m., a Somerville man was bitten by a dog running loose at Thorndike Field. The man was transported to Symmes Hospital where he was treated and released.

A Gorham Road woman was taken to Symmes Hospital after she was

struck by a 1985 Chevrolet driven by a College Avenue woman near 655 Massachusetts Ave. The woman was later released.

A Somerville man was reportedly bitten by a dog on Sept. 16 at 11:20 a.m. while walking on the grounds of Kozelian's Service Station at 354 Massachusetts Ave.

A Oldham Road man drove his 1988 Oldsmobile into a tree at 286 Ridge St. on Sept. 19 at 1:32 a.m. The man was not injured.

Also on Sept. 19 at 2:24 a.m., a Cambridge man hit a tree at 75 Broadway when the 1986 Nissan truck he was driving went out of control.

At 4 p.m. on Sept. 19, police received reports of youths throwing rocks at vehicles from Park Avenue.

On Sept. 19, at 5:25 p.m., a Marlborough man driving a van hit a tree at 41 Gray St.

Shortly after 6 p.m., a Massachusetts Avenue woman was hospitalized after being struck by a car while crossing Winter Street.

The woman was struck while in the crosswalk of Winter Street by a car driven by a Broadway woman making a left turn onto Winter Street from Massachusetts Avenue.

Also on Sept. 19, a Cambridge woman lost control of her car near 374 Park Ave. and hit a utility pole. She was uninjured.

Police said many of the accidents can be attributed to people not driving safely during the heavy rains.

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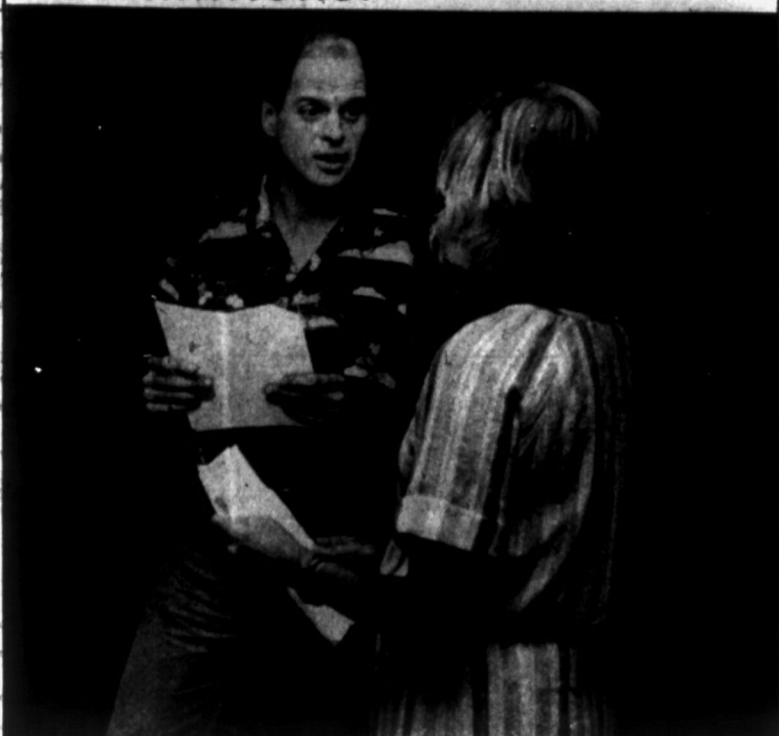
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Gene Hickey of Arlington auditions for the role of McMurphy in the local production of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* at Plymouth Congregational Church in Belmont. (Paul Drake photo)

## Musicians to entertain public school students

The sounds of autumn include the music of percussion instruments in Arlington's elementary schools. The Spectrum Percussion Trio is presenting a series of 10 in-school "Music in October" concerts specially designed for younger audiences. More than 2,200 children will hear the programs.

The programs are coordinated by Young Audiences of Massachusetts, the townwide PTO Enrichment Council, and individual school PTOs.

The programs are supported by a grant from the Arlington Arts Council, the channel for Massachusetts Arts Lottery funds.

The Spectrum Percussion Trio is a 20th century contemporary ensemble with members, Reid Jorgensen, Richard Flanagan and Jeffrey Fischer.

The ensemble will appear at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Oct. 6 at Hardy and Dallin schools; Oct. 7 at Brackett and St. Agnes schools; Oct. 8 at Peirce and Stratton schools; Oct. 9 at Bishop and Thompson schools.

The goals of the PTO Enrichment Council are to expose children to high-quality in-school cultural programs, to utilize individual PTO enrichment funds more effectively through joint planning and to establish eligibility for grants.



Spectrum Percussion Trio, a contemporary music ensemble, will create magic with percussion melodies in a series of music enrichment programs in Arlington's elementary schools in October. From left, leader Reid Jorgensen, Richard Flanagan and Jeffrey Fischer.

## LIBRARY NOTES

### Summertime film set

The movie "Summertime" will be shown at the Fox Branch Library this Friday, Sept. 25 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Based on Eugene O'Neill's "Ah, Wilderness," this entertaining musical adaption and nostalgic slice of Americana has many charming moments, lovely technicolor photography and a catchy score by Harry Warren and Ralph Blane. The talented cast is headed by Mickey

Rooney, Marilyn Maxwell, Walter Hudson, Gloria de Haven, Frank Morgan and Butch Jenkins. Directed by Rouben Mamoulian and produced by MGM. It is free.

### Seniors plan Oct. 3 flea market

The Arlington Senior Association, 27 Maple St., is having a flea market on Saturday Oct. 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the senior center.

## BIRTHS

### Amanda McDonald

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. McDonald (Donna Leavitt) of Arlington announce the birth of their daughter, Amanda Lynne, on Aug. 31, at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McDonald of Somerville. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Francis R. Leavitt of Somerville. Maternal great-grandmother is Eleanor Carr of Somerville.

### Ian Bush

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Bush of Arlington announce the birth of their son, Ian, on Aug. 24, at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge.

### Christopher Nocella

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Nocella (Angela DeSalvo) of Madison Avenue, Arlington announce the birth of their son, Christopher Jon, on Aug. 21, at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Nocella of Arlington. Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Grace DeSalvo of Arlington. Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nocella of Hollywood, Fla.

### Daniel Mahoney

Mr. and Mrs. Michael W. Mahoney (Patricia Sheehan) of Medford announce the birth of their son, Daniel Joseph, on Aug. 16, at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge.

Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Doris S. Mahoney of Cambridge. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William E. Sheehan of Cambridge. Paternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Blanche M. Simard of Dennisport.

### Laura Carlson

Mr. and Mrs. Richard V. Carlson (Christine McElroy) of Arlington announce the birth of their daughter, Laura Christine, on Sept. 2, at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge.

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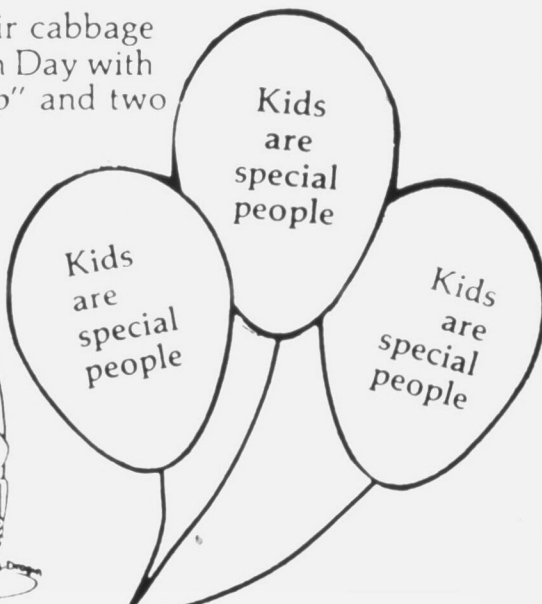
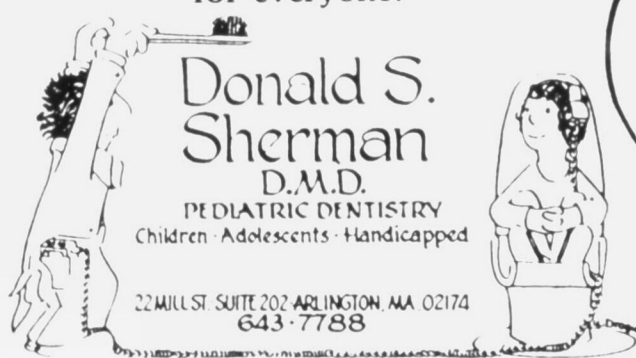
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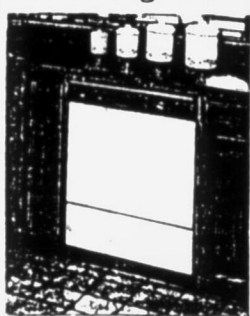
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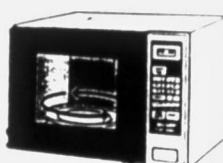
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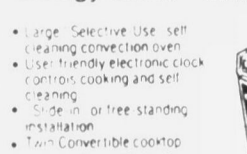


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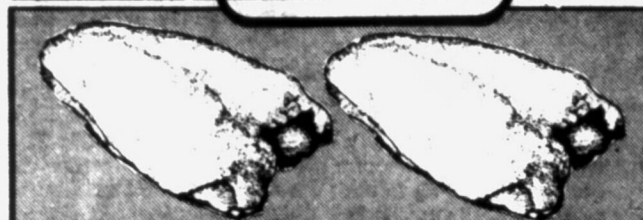
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## PEOPLE

## Rossow presents psychology paper

Audrey Rossow, a 1982 Arlington High School graduate, presented a paper, "Maternal Perception of Attachment History as Related to Mother-Child Interaction," at the American Psychological Association's annual convention Aug. 28 - Sept. 1 in New York City.

Rossow completed her B.A. in psychology at the University of New Hampshire in 1986 where her research apprenticeship to Zeynep Biringen, Ph.D. (University of California at Berkeley) focused on mother-infant attachment theory. Now a researcher at The Children's Hospital in Boston, Rossow is the daughter of Yvonne and Richard Rossow, Surry Road, Arlington.



Audrey Rossow

## MacKillop starts Simmons studies

Courtney E. MacKillop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel MacGillivray of Old Mystic Street, Arlington, was accepted as a freshman at Simmons College in Boston.

The college held orientation week

from Aug. 31 through Sept. 8. The students were welcomed to Simmons with a variety of activities including a moonlight boat cruise on Boston Harbor, a double-decker bus tour of Boston's historic sites, and a Boston Red Sox game.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Israeli army stint recalled

In "Experience of a Lifetime: Four weeks in the Israeli Army" Alma Triner, vice president of corporate communications at Arthur D. Little, will recount for the Arlington-Lexington Chapter of Hadassah how she volunteered in the Sar El (Volunteers for Israel) Program. She will speak at a Lexington home on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 8 p.m.

Interested area residents are invited to the meeting. For more details please call 862-8091.

Triner, born in New York and now living in Boston, is the mother of two daughters and describes herself as middle-aged.

## 3 groups hold blood drive

On Saturday, Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the combined efforts of St. Jerome's Church, the Arlington Sons of Italy, and the Irish American Club of Arlington are sponsoring a Blood Bank Drive.

The drive, hosted by the Massachusetts General Hospital Blood Mobile, will be stationed at St. Jerome's Church Parking Lot on Lake Street in Arlington.

This year, more than ever, blood is in great demand and needed at all hospitals. Hopefully, the combined efforts of St. Jerome's Parish, and the two Clubs of Arlington will make some difference.

## Local students at Belmont Hill

Belmont Hill School recently began its 64th academic year with annual orientation day activities. New students and their parents gathered in the Chapel where they were welcomed by Headmaster Christopher Wadsworth. The Orientation Day Program also included tours of the campus by upperclass "Big Brothers" assigned to each new student and a tea sponsored by the Belmont Hill School Parent's Council.

New students from Arlington include: Daniel J. Gallo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Gallo; Andrew D. Vernazza, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Vernazza; Robert T. Walsh, son of Drs. Fraser and Carol T. Walsh.

Those returning to Belmont Hill from Arlington: Ari A. Bree, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bree; Nikolas A. Casagrande, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dirk R. Casagrande; Thomas E. Cimeno III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Cimeno Jr.; Thomas Y.L. Hung, son of Mr. and Mrs. David C.F. Hung; William Y.F. Hung, son of Mr. and Mrs. David C.F. Hung; Martin J. Keane III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin J. Keane Jr.; Jason R. Kitayama, son of Mr. and Roy Kitayama; Bryan M. Lally, son of Mr. and Mrs. William

F. Lally; Edward J. Loneragan Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Loneragan; Christian D. Lum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond D. Lum; Lee M. Mayer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Mayer; Andrew R. Muldoon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Muldoon Jr.; Timothy J. Muldoon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Muldoon Jr.; Brian F. Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Murphy; Jonathan D. Paine, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Paine; Nathan D. Paine, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Paine; Jason D. Porter, son of Mrs. Cecelia M. Porter; Matthew P. Sullivan, son of Mrs. Joanne M. Sullivan; Joseph J. Tulimieri, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Tulimieri; Michael R. Tulimieri, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Tulimieri; and Fraser M. Walsh II, son of Drs. Fraser M. and Carol T. Walsh.



Tony Talmosh

## Talmosh plans club expansion

Tony Talmosh, a native of Arlington and co-owner of the Palace nightclub in Saugus, plans a multi-million dollar expansion of the North Shore nightclub.

Talmosh, a 1976 graduate of Arlington High School and a 1980 Babson College graduate, said the expansion will provide a wide variety of different kinds of entertainment for all ages and tastes.

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## Burlington doctor joins Choate-Symmes

Dr. Mark L. Finklestein, has been appointed a member of the associate medical staff of Choate-Symmes Hospitals, Inc., it was announced by Dr. S. Patrick Gulati, president of the medical staff.

Finklestein is an internist, specializing in Gastroenterology, the study of diseases of the stomach and intestine. Finklestein recently joined the practice of the Burlington Medical Associates at 281 Cambridge Street, Burlington. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and board eligible in Gastroenterology.

He comes to Choate-Symmes from the Lahey Clinic where he served as a staff physician in the department of Internal Medicine from 1981 to 1985.

Finklestein is well trained in endoscopy, the inspection of internal organs and cavities with the use of a small, tube-like instrument. At Choate-Symmes, he will perform both routine diagnostic procedures as well as therapeutic techniques, using state of the art equipment such as the Yag laser and a new electrocautery unit.

A magna cum laude graduate of Harvard College, Finklestein graduated from Yale University School of Medicine in 1978. He completed his internship and residency in medicine at Boston City Hospital and a fellowship in gastroenterology at several Tufts-affiliated hospitals in Boston.

## Lahiff named senior vice president

John M. Lahiff of Arlington has been elected senior vice president by the board of directors of BayBank Harvard Trust.

Lahiff joined BayBank in 1943. He has managed several branches of BayBank, including Cushing Square and Arlington Center. In 1980, he became the regional administrator of the suburban branches of the Bank. Lahiff has responsibility for the Bank systems, the Customer Service Center, and all Bank procedures for the 23 branches of BayBank Harvard Trust.

Lahiff received a Certificate in Banking from Williams College Graduate School of Banking in 1965. Lahiff has been a director of the Santa Maria Hospital in Cambridge since 1984. He lives in Arlington with his wife, Edna.

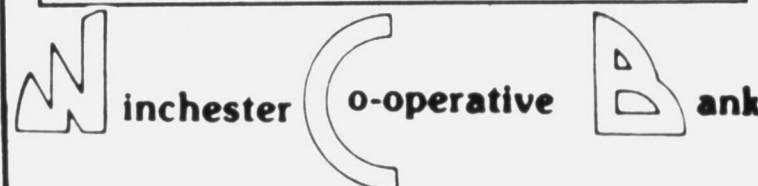
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Louise Ruma-Ivers is the immediate past President of the Greater Boston Women's Council of Realtors, and a past Director of the Marketing Institute for the Greater Boston Real Estate Board. She is a member of the Arlington Historic Districts Committee.

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**The House and Senate.** The House and Senate are now scheduled to reconvene in formal session and end the summer recess the week of September 20.

While more than 8000 bills have been filed for consideration in the 1987 session, only a small portion of those have actually been approved by the House and Senate on roll call votes and signed into law by Governor Dukakis. This week, "Beacon Hill Roll Call" updates action on 10 bills approved by both branches and signed into law.

**New Positions (S 1658).** Approved by House 104-38, Senate 24-6 was the bill creating the new position of assistant vice-chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee along with a \$7500 pay hike.

A Yea vote is for the bill. A Nay vote is against it.

Representative Robert Havern voted yes.

Representative Mary Jane Gibson voted yes.

Senator Richard Kraus did not vote.

**Seat Belts (H 5217).** Approved by House 80-59, Senate 24-8 was the bill requiring children from ages 5 to 12 to wear seat belts and fining the driver \$25 if a violation occurs in his or her vehicle.

A Yea vote is for the bill. A Nay vote is against it.

Havern voted no.

Gibson voted yes.

Kraus voted yes.

**Pay Hike (S 1833).** Approved by House 93-58, Senate 31-8 was the legislative pay raise bill hiking legislators' base \$30,000 salaries to \$40,992 by next year and giving a \$10,000 hike to constitutional officers. The measure includes an "emergency preamble" making the bill effective immediately and it allows automatic future pay hikes for legislators by tying their salaries to those of state workers' unions.

A Yea vote is for the bill. A Nay vote is against it.

Havern voted yes.

Gibson voted yes.

Kraus voted yes.

**Emergency Preamble (S 1833).** House 100-47, Senate 26-11, each gained the two-thirds vote necessary to attach an "emergency preamble" to the legislative pay raise bill. This made the bill effective immediately rather than in the usual 90 days. The other effect of the preamble is that it keeps the law in effect until November 1988, despite the fact that opponents have

gathered signatures to place the issue on the 1988 ballot. Without the emergency preamble, the law would have been suspended after opponents gathered the signatures and would not have gone into effect unless the voters approved it in 1988.

A Yea vote is for the emergency preamble. A Nay vote is against it.

Havern voted no.

Gibson voted yes.

Kraus voted yes.

**Fiscal 1988 Budget (H 5858).** Approved by House 123-25, Senate 30-3 was the \$11 billion fiscal 1988 state budget.

A Yea vote is for the budget. A Nay vote is against it.

Havern voted yes.

Gibson voted yes.

Kraus voted yes.

**Prop 2 1/2 (H 4336).** Approved by House 96-49, Senate 24-8 was the bill changing from two-thirds to a majority the amount of voters necessary to allow a community to make a major override of Proposition 2 1/2 and increase property taxes beyond 5 percent.

A Yea vote is for the bill. A Nay vote is against it.

Havern voted yes.

Gibson voted yes.

Kraus voted yes.

**Housing (H 5218).** Approved by House 141-0, Senate 28-0 was the \$340 million housing package for construction of housing for low and moderate income families, the handicapped and the elderly.

A Yea vote is for the bill. A Nay vote is against it.

Havern voted yes.

Gibson voted yes.

Kraus voted yes.

**Hazardous Waste (H 5867).** Approved by House 133-0, Senate 27-0 was the \$81 million package to clean up the state's hazardous waste sites.

A Yea vote is for the bill. A Nay vote is against it.

Havern voted yes.

Gibson voted yes.

Kraus voted yes.

**More Budget (H 5933).** Approved by House 111-13, Senate 24-0 was the \$111 million fiscal 1987 supplemental budget.

A Yea vote is for the bill. A Nay vote is against it.

Havern voted yes.

Gibson voted yes.

Kraus voted yes.

**Senate Districts (S 1965).** Approved by House 91-56, Senate 33-2 was the plan redistricting the state's 40 Senate districts.

A Yea vote is for the plan. A Nay vote is against it.

Havern voted yes.

Gibson voted yes.

Kraus voted yes.

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**Public Memorial Committee,** 8 p.m., Community Safety Building

### Tuesday, Sept. 29:

**School Committee,** 7:30 p.m., School Committee room, sixth floor, Arlington High School

### Monday, Oct. 5:

**Selectmen,** 7:15 p.m., Selectmen's Board Room, second floor, town hall

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## Images from our past



The Jefferson-Cutter house and vegetable garden at 1149 Massachusetts Ave. as it appeared in 1898. (Courtesy Arlington Historical Society)

## YEARS PAST IN ARLINGTON

### Ten Years Ago

The town of Arlington bought the MBTA power station at 5 Water St. for \$20,000. The building has since been sold, renovated and is the home to, among others, The Arlington Advocate. A copy of the written history of the building will be available free at a Town Day open house on Saturday in The Advocate offices.

The Arlington High school football team zapped Chelsea at Peirce Field in their opening game of the season 12-0.

### Twenty-five Years Ago

Louise Young and Jean Squittier opened a new carriage house studio at 8 Central St. in Arlington. The carriage house was once a horse stable.

Arlington High School principal Charles H. Downs surprised and disappointed residents when he announced that he planned to retire at the end of the school year. Downs served the town for 35 years, coming here in 1927 as a history teacher.

### Fifty Years Ago

Michael A. Fredo, Boston attorney and well-known resident of Arlington, was elected grand venerable of the Sons of Italy of Massachusetts. He was active in public and fraternal life and was a member of Arlington Lodge, Sons of Italy.

# Keys, man's age-old rule of ritual

By EUGENE GOTZ  
Special to The Advocate

Your fate can hinge on the ounce of metal known as a key. Lose a key and your car sets in the driveway without moving — your house remains secure, not only from burglars but from you — your desk is uncluttered because you can't open it and your wife is furious as she waits for you at a street corner in the cold. The tiny bit of metal packs a nuclear punch.

Like faces, keys are with us all our lives. They are an integral and necessary part of our daily routine. We tend to accumulate keys. It is kind of like growing old or bald. They all creep up on you. I separate my collection into two categories. One is the active, on-going group. It consists of 6-8 keys. They get me through the day — locking and unlocking the things that make up my daily rituals.

The second category is the "X" or unknown. This numbers about 50 keys. It is here that I have the problem. I do not have the vaguest idea what purpose they serve. The thought that there exist 50 locks waiting my

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keys is mind boggling. Where are these locks? What would I find behind the doors they open? What dark secrets lie awaiting in the light of day? How did I acquire these keys? One thing is certain — I dare not dispose of them. Life being what it is, the day after divestment I would face the lock and no key problem. It is an interesting paradox.

history. They were being made as early as the 6th century B.C. It is one of the oldest recorded industries of mankind. Many of the design concepts of that time are still used today. The common pin tumbler lock in most of our homes dates back to the 6th century B.C. In the Middle East today, the manufacture of locks and keys has remained through the centuries a "cottage type industry." Manufacturing techniques and tools are handed down through the generations from father to son.

In a sense, keys and locks reflect the rise of modern civilization. As the means and economic systems were

developed whereby one could accumulate material wealth, quite obviously the need to protect that wealth became apparent. It is probably not too far afield to observe that our modern life opens and closes on the twist of a key.

An interesting science fiction scenario could be written in which all locks and keys disappeared from the world. What kind of society would develop? In any event, the KGB and the CIA would be paralyzed. Their stock in trade — secrecy — could not be maintained. Maybe it's not a bad idea.

The carrying of keys on your person presents a logistics problem. There are many requirements for a suitable key carrier. The car key must be immediately available for the emergency quick getaway. The house key must be readily identified at midnight in a January freeze. The desk key must unobtrusively slide into your hand when you enter the office, late again. I don't know of any

satisfactory key ring or key case which fulfills all these needs. I personally lean toward loose keys in my pants pocket. Here the problem becomes one of loose keys generating holes in pockets. I own several pants that I cannot wear because of this situation.

Then there is the interesting syndrome of the hidden house emergency key. There is always some member of the household who forgets their key with no one at home. Where do you hide one which will not be readily discovered by wrong-doers and yet available to legitimate users? Under the mat? Over the door? Buried in the front yard? I usually end up with the key so well hidden that no one can find it, including the family.

And a special class of keys without locks — the key to the situation — the key to the problem — the key to the city. And for those brimming with passion, there is the key to our hearts!

Eugene Gotz, a resident of Newport Street, Arlington, is a frequent contributor to The Advocate.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Siren now unnecessary

TO THE EDITOR:  
The definition of a siren — "a device producing a loud penetrating sound as a warning or alarm."

As a school signal, fire alarm, or an air raid warning — yes, but why do we need this nerve-shattering warning three times a day — every day? Ever hear the story of the boy who cried "Wolf"?

Traditionally factory towns had whistles or horns to alert workers for starting, lunch, or quitting times. We are no longer a factory town. A good percentage of our people are tired and have earned the right to sleep a little later than 6:45 a.m.

As for the younger generation, mothers who just get the little ones bedded down at night have a rude awakening, to say the least!

If you've ever been near the Highland station with a couple of toddlers in the car when the blast goes off — sheer panic! An unsuspecting stranger in town would surely be accident prone.

Who made the "decision years ago to keep the siren alive"? Those of us who live near the stations and are the ones affected would like this unnecessary aggravation stopped.

For you people who "love and missed the siren" — and who also live far from the source and hear it only in the distance — please give us a break. Use your watches, radios, or alarm clocks.

Name held on request

### Appalled at legislator's vote

TO THE EDITOR:

It is absolutely appalling to me to read that both my state senator and state representative, (Sen. Michael Barrett and Rep. Mary Jane Gibson,) voted in favor of placing children in gay foster or adoption homes.

The amendment in question prohibits gays or bisexuals from adopting children or serving as guardians or foster parents. Thankfully it was passed, 94 to 57. What amazes me is that 57 legislators saw no harm in placing young children in such homes. This is unbelievable.

Amendment supporters felt that for a child to be thrust into a homosexual environment could be harmful to

the growth of children. These are children who already have one strike against them, in that they are unhappy without traditional homes of their own. Our compassion for them must protect them from any further risk to their well being or normal development.

Pope John Paul II calls the homosexual lifestyle "an intrinsic evil." Compassion for the homosexual must be directed toward their need to control their aberration. It is one of the important acts of mercy to admonish the erring. See Exechial, 33:7-9, as follows: "If I tell the wicked that he shall surely die, and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked man from his way, he (the wicked man) shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death."

Priscilla Dionne Laveaga  
Belmont

### Field donator backs project

TO THE EDITOR:

From time to time the Spy Pond Playground Improvement and Preservation Association, Inc. (SPPIPA) would like to let our townspeople know of citizen concern and willingness to help on this civic project at Spy Pond.

Among the first merchants approached for a contribution was Jack Wheatley, owner of Shattuck's Hardware on Mill Street. Jack was not a "hard sell" in that he had already heard of SPPIPA and its objectives. After hearing the details of the project, Jack readily agreed to donate the required paint and related paint supplies for the job.

Why such a generous donation? Wheatley (AHS '50) offered the simple reason that Arlington had done a great deal for him in his youth, and he wanted others to enjoy what he had experienced. Wheatley had fond memories of playing on Spy Pond Field with the A.Y.A. Giants and Braves, and with Post #39 American Legion team.

"Spy Pond was always the premier field to play on," he said. "I had the neat clubhouse, the stands for the fans, and the field was always the best in town."

Wheatley recalled it was such a well kept facility that in the late 40's the Boston Red Sox consented to put on an instruction clinic there for all the kids in town. He vividly

remembers receiving personal infield instructions from the great Johnny Pesky.

Jack Wheatley felt it was a terrible shame that the field and stands have been so neglected and allowed to reach such a rundown condition. He said some people should realize how fortunate Arlington is to even have such a beautiful site for a ballpark and that he was glad to help "bring it back."

So, here you have one man's thoughts. I expect there are others who feel the same way, and we'll try to let you know who they are, too.

Jack Johnston  
Board of Directors  
SPPIPA

### Union bids officer farewell

TO THE EDITOR:

The Arlington Patrolmen's Betterment Association would like to take this opportunity to bid a fond farewell to one of our most recently appointed brothers, Patrolman George Pierce, who many in the town will remember as one of our recently appointed minority officers, has made a difficult decision and will shortly be leaving the service of the town.

George was a well-liked and highly capable addition to our ranks and we are sad to see him leave.

It is too bad that in this day and age economic pressures force good people out of public service, but it is a trend that shows no sign of abatement as long as compensation for public service employees lags behind that of the private sector we expect it will continue.

The Association extends its warmest regards to George and his family and we wish him the vest of luck in his future endeavors.

Richard Femia  
President of A.P.B.A.

### Urges vote against health bill

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to urge fellow Arlingtonians to give careful consideration to the health care bill proposed by the Joint Health Care Committee to the Ways and Means Committee. This bill #H5968 would impose a cap on hospital revenues. Here at Symmes there have been many cost cut-

ting measures enacted in the past two years. If this bill becomes law, the hospital will be forced to cut services and personnel which will seriously affect quality care.

As Director of Volunteer Services for the past 15 years, I have had the opportunity of working with many wonderful young people as "candy strippers" or students volunteers. Some of them have gone on to become nurses, health technicians and doctors. What a valuable community resource Symmes Hospital has been for them.

Now this community resource needs your help. Please contact Sen. Richard Kraus and Rep. Robert A. Havern, III and Rep. Mary Jane Gibson before Sept. 30 and urge them to oppose this bill.

Eleanor G. Matthews  
Director of Volunteer Services  
Choate/Symmes Health

### Urges attendance at AIDS program

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to add our board to the long list of concerned citizens and organizations endorsing the efforts of the Arlington Board of Health and the Arlington Public Schools' Health Department to present a two-hour program, AIDS: Care Enough to Learn, Learn Enough to Care.

The program to be presented on Sept. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Arlington High School's Lowe Auditorium will feature a distinguished group of individuals. The program will be moderated by Dr. Robert Meyer, School's physician and a practicing pediatrician, and other panelists include Dr. Robert Carey, a local internist and Head of Internists, Inc., of Arlington; Dr. Roger Pomerantz, fellow, Infectious Disease Unit, Massachusetts General Hospital; Rev. James Savage, curate, St. Eulalia's parish, and a member of the AIDS Action Committee and the parent of a child who succumbed to the AIDS Virus.

Admission is free and the public is cordially invited to attend. We urge Arlington Citizens to attend programs such as this and to support the endeavors of any town department or organization who through their efforts help to educate and enlighten us about the deadly disease AIDS.

Elaine Shea, chairman  
Board of Youth Services



# Air Force honors Jordan's perspective Community of Caring program is explained

By ANNE-MARIE SELTZER  
Special to The Advocate

To her co-workers and friends at Hanscom Air Force Base (HAFB) in Bedford, Joanne Jordan is "handicapped" not handicapped. Blind since birth, Jordan nevertheless commutes by public transportation to her full-time position at the base, studies music, participates in sports, and leads an active social life.

In recognition of her positive attitude and personal achievements, Jordan was named the "Air Force Systems Command Outstanding Federal Handicapped Employee of the Year" on May 27. She has resided in Arlington since 1986.

"First of all, I don't think of myself as handicapped," said Jordan recently. "I believe in myself and my ability to achieve any goal that I set. Since I've never known sight, I have no reason to feel sorry for myself. Besides, negative thinking won't get you anywhere."

"People wonder how I can recognize someone without ever seeing them. I do see, but with my other senses because they are so well developed, especially my hearing. Often, I train sighted people to develop their hearing ability. They close their eyes and listen intently to the sounds of people around them. Through a distinct footstep or automobile sound, they gradually recognize the person without vision."

This upbeat attitude enables Jordan to lead an active life, including full-time employment in the Geophysics Laboratory at HAFB. Under the direction of her supervisor, Stuart Bruder, the deputy director of Research Services, she works as the office receptionist, answering the telephone and doing word processing on an IBM PC VERT, a special talking computer. Said Jordan, "I transcribe tapes with information and documents from the Air Force Geophysics Laboratory Security Manual. With the VERT, I can go in to any part of the document and hear what is on the screen." In preparation for her computer work, Jordan took an IBM Computer Program course at the Carroll School for the Blind in Newton.

Of her job, she said, "The most challenging part is typing the documents accurately. Eventually, I want to advance further, perhaps to the personnel area. I'm interested in everything that goes on here and I don't have any intention of leaving."

Last December, at the suggestion of Bruder, she submitted an application for the Air Force Systems Command Outstanding Federal Handicapped



Joanne Jordan of Arlington, who is blind, holds a plaque awarded to her by the Air Force Systems Command for being Outstanding Federal Handicapped Employee of the Year. She works at Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford.

(Paul Drake photo)

ped Employee of the Year award, a national competition among handicapped persons at the various divisions of the Air Force Systems Command. After being named the outstanding handicapped employee on the local level at HAFB, Jordan was given national consideration. On May 27 with her parents in attendance, Jordan received a plaque and a letter from Jay R. Johnson, the commander of the Air Force Geophysics Laboratory. Her reaction was one of surprise for, in this instance, she didn't believe she would win.

"There is a recognition systems throughout the government for highlighting the work of handicapped persons. The Air Force honors people who have overcome barriers and are contributing significantly to its goals. The qualities that these people possess and bring to the job — selflessness, concern, overall excellence — are held in high esteem.

The award is a validation of what a person can do and a recognition of accomplishment," said Bruder.

Born in Belmont, Jordan is the youngest of three children. "My parents didn't give me any special treatment, although my mother tended to be overprotective. My father trained her to let me go. He took me outdoors a lot and it was from him that I developed a love of sports and a good sense of direction. My brother used to wrestle with me in the grass. I have always been a bit of a tomboy," she said.

After attending the Boston Center for Blind Children, Jordan enrolled in public and private schools with mostly sighted students. "When I went to Kennedy Elementary School in Medford, there was a resource room with six other blind students. Eventually, we were mainstreamed into classes with sighted children. When they discovered that I could do many of the

same things they could, I was accepted as a peer — a normal kid — which is what I wanted," she recalled.

After earning a bachelor of arts degree from Bradford College in Haverhill, Jordan worked for John M. Corcoran Real Estate in Weymouth. In 1985, she heard about job openings at HAFB through the Commission for the Blind in Boston.

Jordan's plans for the future are unsure, except that she will remain at HAFB. "The most important things in my life are happiness, the welfare of my family, a good job, and enough money for food and shelter," she said.

"When I am going through a rough time, I turn to one of my role models, such as a family member, my supervisor, or a friend or co-worker who has endured hard times and come away happy. watching them gives me the strength to continue and makes me realize how lucky I am," she said.

By WENDY MIMRAN  
and KARIN LUKAS  
Special to The Advocate

**Question:** Please describe the Community of Caring program and discuss the role it will play in the schools. When will the meetings be opened to parents and other concerned members of the public?

Ruth Mahon, Volunteer Services Coordinator: The Community wide effort to educate parents, teachers, and community leaders to better assist young people in making decisions about their well being and to help them to better negotiate their adolescent years.

The Community of Caring Steering Committee is cooperating with the School Committee's Task Force on Sex Education to come up with a plan to utilize the Community of Caring Program in the Junior and Senior High Schools.

The Steering Committee is sponsoring booth #91 on Town Day,



September 25, and welcomes parents and community members to visit the booth to learn more about the program and find out how they can be involved and how the program will affect them in a positive way.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

### School lunch menus posted

The following menus are offered in the Arlington Public Schools during the week of Sept. 28 through Oct. 2.

Elementary school children will be served a complete meal for \$1 which includes white milk. On Monday we will serve beef ravioli with meat sauce and a dinner roll along with chilled fruit and a cookie. Tuesday, think baseball, as we serve a hot dog on a bun, accompanied by potato puffs. Dessert will be our famous apple crisp. Wednesday brings chicken cutlet Parmesan joined by the new harvest of cut green beans. This will be followed by chilled fruit. Thursday brings you our home made Italian meat ball sub along with shredded lettuce and dressing. And, as is done in Italy, we will serve chilled fruit for dessert. Friday brings you the Chow Daddy Combination — Pizza with 100 percent fruit juice and your Dy-nomite bar with milk.

A selective menu is served in our secondary schools. Selecting the School Lunch pattern provides 1/3 of each students daily nutritional requirements for \$1.10. A choice of the following entrees are available daily: pizza, cold cut sub, tuna roll, assorted sandwiches and salad plates. Today's specials are indicated as follows. To complete the School Lunch pattern a choice of 2 servings of fruit and vegetable are available plus 8 oz. of white milk.

The Junior High school entrees are: Mon. meat ball sub; Tues., school baked chicken with French bread; Wed., hamburger or cheeseburger; Thurs., manicotti; Fri., Variety Day.

The Senior High menu will be the same as the junior highs except on Wednesday when our often requested macaroni and cheese will be served. Also, served daily are hamburgers, cheeseburgers and choices from our sub and sandwich bar. All of you high school early risers can join us and mingle with your friends every morning for our "AM Wake-Up" service.

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School crossing guard Louise Cronan holds Lake Street traffic at bay as students from the Hardy School head home. She has been directing Arlington traffic for more than 30 years. (Paul Drake photo)

# Crossing guards highly regarded

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last three decades.

"A lot of people don't notice the supervisors or just take for granted they will be there," said Safety Officer David McKenna, who oversees the force.

"Without them at their posts, we would have real problems getting the children to and from school without injury," McKenna said.

The traffic supervisors — they're not called "crossing guards" — operate under the School Department but are directed by the community safety office.

"We don't want them directing traffic or placing themselves in danger by interrupting traffic," said McKenna.

"People see the uniform and badge and think the women are police officers. But they don't have police powers," McKenna said. "They are just trying to get the students to school safely."

But in recent years the supervisors have taken on a new role around the schools.

"With the type of problems that now happen, the supervisors are an extra pair of eyes on the outside of school," said McKenna. "Not much happens that they don't notice."

Many of the traffic supervisors know the students' names, their family members and remember the routes the students usually travel to school.

"Sometimes I'm a bit of a baby-sitter," said Cronan. "But if something's not right or the parents aren't waiting for them as they usually do, I'll hold the child here."

Morrison, who started crossing children when her own children were in elementary school, said it doesn't take long for students, parents and teachers to get into a routine.

"They treat me as if I were a member of the faculty here," said Morrison. "I feel like I'm a part of the place. It's not long before you know the students and their families."

Many of the students know the women's names, too, as students greet them with hellos and hugs.

During the warm fall weather,

Cronan said, it's easy to stand on the corner for her three brief shifts each day. But in the winter and during inclement weather it's not so easy.

"In the cold it's harder. It would be nicer if the corners were closer to the school buildings," said Cronan.

Morrison and Cronan are not the only long-time traffic supervisors. Others, McKenna said, have worked 17, 19 and 21 years.

"We're very lucky to have people who will stay at a post so long," said McKenna. "They add stability to the area and make things a lot safer."

Since Cronan began her duties, traffic has increased, student enrollment has decreased and some of the students she first crossed are now parents, and in a few cases grandparents, of students she now crosses.

This year, Cronan has the added help of new traffic lights, with walk signs, at the corner of Brooks Avenue and Lake Street, but because of road reconstruction, her crosswalks have temporarily been scraped away.

"Things are different every year," said Cronan. "But at least it's a chance to get out and do something."

Said Morrison: "Over the years, you see a lot of changes but the students are so wonderful and such good people it's great to be here."

When will they stop crossing students three times a day? (There's a mid-day shift for kindergarten.)

"Soon," said Cronan. "But then again, I said that when I reached the 20-year mark."

School and safety officials suggest parents get to know their traffic supervisors to ensure their child's safe travels to and from school.

The traffic supervisors, their schools and posts are:

- Susan Ames, St. Agnes, Mass. Avenue and Medford Street
- Antonette Boike, Dallin, Dow Avenue and Frontage Road
- Barbara Borges, Brackett, Pine Ridge Road and Gray Street
- Janet Broughall, St. Agnes, Medford and Warren streets
- Pat Covenno, Stratton, Washington Street and Overlook Road

- Regina Crescentini, Dallin, Rhinecliff and Appleton streets (temporary post.)
- Cronan, Hardy, Lake Street and Brooks Avenue.

- Marie Doherty, Brackett, Highland Avenue and Gray Street.
- Barbara Flaherty, Thompson, Broadway and Bates Road
- Geraldine Gardner, Bishop/St. Agnes, Summer and Mystic streets.
- Mary Giragosian, Hardy, Mass. Avenue and Lake Street.

- Josephine Guanci, Dallin, Wachusett Avenue and Appleton Street
- Rose Linskey, Dallin, George Street and Florence Avenue (temporary post.)
- Georgia Madigan, Bishop, Edgell Road and Ridge Street.

- Edith Marino, Peirce, Downing Square
- Paula Martell, Thompson, North Union Street and Broadway.
- Mary Meskell, Thompson, River Street and University Road.
- Julie Morrison, Brackett, Eastern Avenue at the school.

- Jean Munsey, Thompson, Cleveland Street and Broadway.
- Mary Nighelli, Dallin, Florence and Park avenues.
- Dorothy O'Neill, Stratton, Brattle and Summer streets

- Janet Patterson, Bishop, Mystic Street and Columbia Road.
- Gloria Sabbag, Thompson, North Union and Fremont streets.
- Judy Taddeo, Dallin, Florence and Wachusett avenues.
- Helen Taylor, St. Agnes/Bishop, Chestnut and Mystic streets

- Frances Tighe, Peirce, Summer Street and Park Avenue Extension.
- Lorraine Twohig, Hardy, Herbert Road and Chandler Street.
- Jane White, Bishop, Columbia Road at the school.

There are three spares: Camelia Donovan, Jane LeBlanc and Arlene Plachowicz.

# Busy session at State House expected by local legislators

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them to cover their costs and expand their programs.

"There's going to have to be some compromise on both sides," said Kevin Cohen, a legislative aide to state Rep. Robert Havern III, D-Arlington. "It's an area that has to be addressed. Health care prices are simply outrageous and there is a need to people to be insured for health care."

Because the bill is so comprehensive, Havern said, everyone will be affected.

"We've got to look at the small business owner, and at the same time what the wage increases will be for health care workers," Havern said.

Local hospitals that could be affected, Gibson said, are Symmes Hospital in Arlington, Sancta Maria and Mount Auburn hospitals in Cambridge and McLean Hospital in Belmont.

"I think the universal health care bill is the issue for the fall session," said Havern. "Once we cover that, we can move on to other areas. We're committed to dealing with it this session."

In other areas, state Sen. Richard Kraus, D-Arlington, has been working on a bill that could provide Arlington with the funds to purchase the piece of old railroad land that divides Magnolia and Thorndike fields.

"It's a huge, huge omnibus bill," said Debora Hoffman, the senator's district liaison. "The open space capital outlay bill is an urban self-help grant program designed so that Arlington could get the land between the fields."

According to the town Planning Department, the land is a 2.41 acre parcel that belonged to the Boston & Maine Railroad and runs directly between the fields.

Town Meeting voted to purchase the land in 1973 and voted again to obtain the land in 1980.

Arlington was unable to begin negotiations until last year because the B&M Railroad was in receivership. A new company now owns the railroad's assets. The town has applied to a state grant program for funds to purchase the land, but the program ran out of money.

Under the open space bill, the town

would be eligible for up to 90-percent reimbursement for the purchase of the land.

"It is a high-priority acquisition for us," said Alan McClennen Jr., Arlington director of planning and community development.

"It would allow the fields to be connected and the railroad has suggested they would like to develop the land, which would permanently disconnect the fields," said McClennen. "Also, it is the only way to link the Minuteman Bikeway with the Alewife Reservation if it is decided the areas should be joined."

If the bill passes, Arlington would not be guaranteed the money to buy the land. "My understanding is that there is about \$80 million worth of requests for about \$20 million worth of money," said McClennen.

In other legislation, a solid waste bill in the state Senate's Ways and Means Committee could mean cheaper fees for Arlington residents, Hoffman said.

"Arlington has an arrangement now that works quite well, but it is quite costly," said Hoffman.

Kraus has seven amendments proposed to add to the bill that would lessen the financial impact for towns and provide funding for recycling and composting.

Another bill Kraus has been concerned about, Hoffman said, is a binding arbitration bill that would take town managers out of the contract award process.

"The bill would impose awards on towns and Town Meetings would vote on the amount," said Hoffman.

"A lot of people are hoping the bill will just die in committee because town managers, who are responsible for the financial health of a town, would not have any say in the process," Hoffman said.

Arlington Town Manager Donald Marquis is adamantly opposed to the bill, calling it a "muzzle" on town managers. He said he would consider a court challenge to the legislation should it pass.

As chairman of the Senate's committee on education, Kraus has developed a package of proposals for teaching and education programs, said Janet Daisley, an aide to the senator.

Some \$15 million has been put into a reserve fund for the proposals, which Kraus is expected to file formal legislation on in the next two weeks, said Daisley.

Some of Kraus' plans include making the first-year teacher's salary a minimum of \$20,000, giving teachers more power in the education decision-making process and providing professional development courses for educators.

Gibson has also been working on a statewide temporary disability option that would fund parenting leaves.

"Because of the size of the fund pool, the cost would be negligible," said Gibson. "It would allow either parent to take some time off and still be covered."

The representatives are starting to work on auto insurance legislation that would curtail increases and make rates more equitable, said Cohen of Havern's office.

"I think we'll be very interested in looking at ways to make the process of rate setting go more smoothly and find a way that a fair rate is set," said Cohen.

Other areas Havern is working on are tax reform, especially sales taxes and which industries are paying the taxes, landfill questions and pension reform.

"A lot of these issues are in the infancy stages," said Cohen. "We're only beginning to look at what the issues will mean to Arlington residents."

Once the Legislature gets finished with the comprehensive health care bill, the legislators can pick up where they left off at the end of the summer session.

"There are a lot of interesting pieces of legislation coming up," said Cohen. "Now that we're entering into our second year, we're a lot more familiar with how things work around here and I think we can better help Arlington."

**Library hours**  
Robbins Public Library is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

# Girl reflects on getting lost in woods

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The four were wearing raincoats because of the rainy weekend weather, but did not have heavier gear to protect them as the temperatures dropped to the mid-40s.

The children huddled together and burrowed into the leaves to keep warm and waited out the long, dark night. During the night Rucker told the others stories and jokes to keep them from crying and panicking, she said.

"We could see some things moving but it was very dark. You really

couldn't hear anything because we were right next to the river. It was very loud," said Rucker. "Some police were nearby but they weren't very close. We could see a glimmer of light, but they couldn't hear us because of the river."

At 8:30 Sunday night, fish and game department officials received a call that the children were missing, said Hewitt.

Conservation officers, about 50 local firemen and volunteers and police dogs searched the area until about 3:30 a.m. but did not find the children.

The search resumed with about 30 additional volunteers Monday at 6:30 a.m. At about 8:30 a.m., volunteers Stephen Allen of Bristol, N.H., and James Joyce of Campton, N.H., found the four about 2½ miles away from the

Alex family cabin and 1½ miles from the nearest road, Hewitt said.

Allen and Joyce carried the smaller children and led the older ones back to the cabin, where they were met by their happy and relieved parents.

After returning to the camp, they were examined by medical personnel and given hot chocolate and blankets, Hewitt said. Except for some minor scratches, the four were uninjured.

The family returned home late Monday afternoon Rucker, making a quick return to her pre-excursion lifestyle, went back to school Tuesday.

She is a fifth-grader at Buckingham, Browne & Nichols in Cambridge. "I only missed one day," said Rucker. "Although I was tired."

While they go camping again? "We will, but not without our parents," Rucker said.

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